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15. (SBU) COMMENT: The lack of worker rights representative groups attending the Labor Forum likely limited the potential for negative feedback. Their absence speaks more to the weakness of union representation in Jordan - especially as it relates to foreign workers - however, than to anyone's exclusion from the session where they would have been welcome. AFL-CIO-affiliated Solidarity Center remains the strongest worker advocate group on the ground, and its leadership was unfortunately not in country during the Forum. Nevertheless, this Labor Forum was the first occasion to bring together most of the stakeholders involved in improving the labor conditions in Jordan's garment factories. Post will follow up vigorously on the proposed changes to the Labor Law announced at the Labor Forum. END COMMENT.

16. (U) This message was cleared by AUSTRs Donnelly and Karesh after their departure.

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